

Storm Drain Marking Program

Why Storm Drain Markers?

Many people think that our storm drains are connected to the sewer system and pass through a treatment plant where the water will be cleaned. It is very important to tell people this is not true. Storm drain markers can help do that.

Storm drain markers are small, colorful signs that are attached to the sidewalk on top of storm drains. They are very important because they educate and remind people that anything dumped into the storm drains will flow straight into our local streams and creeks. In Rockville, it will end up in one of three watersheds: Watts Branch, Cabin John, or Rock Creek. It will then reach the Potomac River and later reach the Chesapeake Bay.



What Materials Do I Need?



The City will provide everything you need. We will provide you with a map of an area to be marked, a safety vest, a storm drain cleaning brush, markers and adhesive. The only thing we need from you is your enthusiasm for protecting your local watershed.

In just a couple of hours, you can safeguard your neighborhood from illegal dumping. In addition to the markers, you can help by handing out door hangers with facts about the storm drain, and what people can do to protect the watershed.

We also would like you to tell us about trash and debris found around the storm drain in your neighborhood. This will help us know what types of pollutants are reaching our City waters.

How Do I Get Involved?

To get involved please fill out our volunteer waiver and application form found on the Storm Drain Marking Program webpage.

If you have any questions please contact Environmental Management at 240-314-8870 or environment@rockvillemd.gov.